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Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 21-0736 **Date:** March 24, 2021 Bill Status: **Prime Sponsors:** Rep. McCluskie House Trans. & Local Govt. Sen. Rankin Fiscal Analyst: Will Clark | 303-866-4720 Will.Clark@state.co.us **Bill Topic:** DRIVER'S LICENSE ELECTRONIC RENEWAL BY SENIORS Summary of ☐ State Revenue □ TABOR Refund **Fiscal Impact:** ☐ Local Government □ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity The bill changes issuance and renewal requirements for state driver licenses and identification cards. The bill increases workload for the Department of Revenue in FY 2021-22. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required **Summary: Fiscal Note** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Status:

This bill makes several changes to issuance and renewal requirements for state driver licenses and identification cards. These changes are described in more detail below.

Mail and electronic ID renewal periods. Current law allows individuals to renew their driver license by mail every other renewal period, and to renew electronically for two consecutive renewal periods. This bill removes these restrictions and requires renewal in person only if the photo of a person on file with the Department of Revenue is sixteen years old or older, as required by federal law pursuant to the Real ID Act.

Eye exam requirements. To renew a driver license by mail, current law requires individuals under the age of 66 to attest to having had an eye exam within three years prior to renewal, and requires individuals 66 or older to obtain a signed statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist attesting that the individual had an eye examination with a satisfactory result within the last six months. This bill changes the threshold for both of these requirements to 80 years of age, and extends this requirement to electronic renewal of a driver license.

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Age requirements for electronic ID renewal. Current law allows individuals aged 21 to 65 to renew their driver license or identification card electronically, and allows individuals over the age of 65 to renew an identification card electronically if they meet certain additional requirements. This bill allows anyone over the age of 21 to renew a driver license or identification card electronically without meeting the additional requirements.

Driving log certification for minors. Current law requires an individual under the age of 18 to have a driver's log or other written evidence certifying that they have driven at least fifty hours, signed by a person who has also signed an affidavit of liability. This bill allows a driver license to be issued to a person under 18 years of age if their driving log is signed by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult.

State Expenditures

In FY 2021-22, the bill increases workload in the Department of Revenue for rulemaking and updates to training, forms, and manuals. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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